

FY 2022
PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR QUALIFIED STOW PROPERTY OWNERS

PROGRAM	WHO	GROSS INCOME LIMIT	ASSET LIMIT	BENEFIT	REQUIREMENTS
Senior Clause 41C	Age 65+	Single: \$21,967 Married: \$32,950	Single: \$43,934 Married: \$60,409	MIN: \$1,000 MAX: \$2,000	<p>* Must have owned property in the Commonwealth of MA for any 5 years. Must be domiciled for 10 consecutive years prior to app date. Life Estate satisfies ownership. If property is in TRUST, you must be a (CO-)Trustee & have a beneficial interest. If you own the property with someone who is not your spouse, your exemption will be equal to the same percentage as your ownership interest in the property.</p> <p>* Income from all sources, incl. wages, social security less allowance, pensions, interest, dividends, rent, etc. If you own the property with someone who is NOT your spouse, then each of the co-owners must also satisfy the annual income and asset tests.</p> <p>* Total amount of whole estate EXCLUDES value of your residence, registered motor vehicles, cemetery plots and personal effects.</p> <p>REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:</p> <p>* Federal Income Tax Returns</p> <p>* Asset Account Statements as of July 1st, 2021 (checking/savings, CDs, stocks/bonds/money markets, value of IRA/pension/401(k) accounts, etc.)</p> <p>* Evidence of ownership, domicile and occupancy.</p> <p>* Birth Certificate (only required in the 1st year applying)</p>
Senior Clause 17D	Age 70+	None	\$43,934	MIN: \$192.21 MAX: \$384.42	<p>* Must own and occupy property as domicile for any 5 years. Life Estate satisfies ownership. If property is in TRUST, you must be a (co-)Trustee & have a beneficial interest.</p> <p>* Asset Limit = total amount of whole estate EXCLUDING value of your residence, registered motor vehicles, cemetery plots and personal effects.</p> <p>REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:</p> <p>* Asset Account Statements as of July 1st, 2021 (checking/savings, CDs, stocks/bonds/money markets, value of IRA/pension/401(k) accounts, etc.)</p> <p>* Evidence of ownership, domicile and occupancy.</p> <p>* Birth Certificate (only required in the 1st year applying)</p>

Social Security/government pension deduction from gross income for current Fiscal Year:

Full year recipients: Worker: \$4,911, Spouse: \$2,456, Total for both: \$7,367

Partial year recipients: Worker: \$414 monthly, With spouse: \$624 monthly

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TAX DEFERRAL for SENIORS Clause 41A	AGE 65+	\$40,000	None	Defers up to 50% of assessed value owned by senior until house is sold or senior dies.	<p>* Must own and occupy MA property as domicile for any 5 years and be domiciled in MA for the last 10 years as of July 1st, 2021. Life Estate satisfies ownership. If the property is in a Trust, you must be a Trustee & Beneficiary.</p> <p>* Must own and occupy MA property as domicile for any 5 years and domiciled in MA for last 10 years as of July 1st, 2021. Life Estate satisfies ownership.</p> <p>If property is in TRUST, you must be a Trustee & have a beneficial interest.</p> <p>REQUIREMENTS:</p> <p>* Lien placed on property to insure Town receives payment. Mortgage lender MUST agree to lien.</p> <p>* Homeowner enters into a tax recovery and deferral agreement with the Board of Assessors.</p>
SENIOR WORK OFF PROGRAM	Age 60+ and resident of Stow	<p>Example</p> <p>One senior HH: \$84,550</p> <p>2 non-Senior HH: \$77,300</p>	None	Maximum Benefit: \$1,500	<p>See Council on Aging for other eligibility requirements</p> <p>Taxpayers may earn abatements under work off program in addition to any property tax exemptions they may be eligible for under other statutes.</p>
CPA: Community Preservation Act	Applicant age is as of January 1st, 2021	See Table below	None	Full	<p>* Must own and occupy the property as your domicile on July 1st, 2021.</p> <p>* Applicant and EACH co-owner must have income at or below the limit for that owner's household type and size for calendar year 2020.</p> <p>* Must include income from all household members over the age of 18 who were not full-time students during 2020.</p>

CPA HouseHold Income Table

HouseHold	Senior 60+	Non-senior
1 person	84,550	67,650
2 persons	96,650	77,300
3 persons	108,700	87,000
4 persons	120,800	96,650
5 persons	130,450	104,400
6 persons	140,150	112,100

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Circuit Breaker (2021 DATA NOT YET AVAILABLE)	Age 65+ (Property owners or Renters)	For 2020: Single, Non-head of HH: \$60,000 Single Head of HH: \$75,000 Married, filing jointly: \$90,000	For 2020: The assessed value of residence is \$778,000 or less. \$808,000 or less.	The maximum credit amount for 2020 is \$1,100	Certain taxpayers may be eligible to claim a refundable credit on their state income taxes for the real estate taxes paid during the tax year on the residential property they own or rent in MA that is used as their primary residence. Although this is NOT an exemption, it is something seniors may check into. For more information and further requirements, go to the MA Department of Revenue web site at www.mass.gov
Surviving Spouse (WIDOW/ WIDOWER) Clause 17D	Any age, however, you must have been married to the descendant at the time of his or her death, AND have never remarried.	None	\$43,934	MIN: \$192.21 MAX: \$384.42	* Total amount of whole estate EXCLUDES value of your residence, registered motor vehicles, cemetery plots and personal effects. INCLUDES insurance received. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: * Asset Account Statements as of July 1st, 2021 (checking/savings, CDs, stocks/bonds/ money markets, value of IRA/pension/401(k) accounts, etc.) * Death Certificate (1st year)
MINOR Clause 17D	Under age 18				* Total amount of whole estate EXCLUDES value of your residence, registered motor vehicles, cemetery plots and personal effects. INCLUDES insurance received. * Only one parent must be deceased. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: * Asset Account Statements as of July 1st, 2021 (checking/savings, CDs, stocks/bonds/ money markets, value of IRA/pension/401(k) accounts, etc.). * Birth Certificate (only required in the 1st year applying). * Death Certificate (only required in the 1st year applying).
BLIND Clause 37A	Must be legally blind		None	MIN: \$500 MAX: \$1,000	* Must own and occupy property on July 1st. Life Estate satisfies ownership. If property is in TRUST, you must be a (Co-)Trustee & Beneficiary. * Current MA Commission for the Blind certificate (issued June 1st, 2021.) * Letter from doctor indicating blind status as of July 1st, 2021.

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Veterans					
Clause 22	(a) 10% (or more) service-connected disability (c) Purple Heart recipient (d) Spouse (when property is not owned by veteran) and surviving spouses of Clause 22(a)-(c) veterans who do not remarry (e) Gold Star surviving mothers and fathers	NO INCOME LIMIT	NO ASSET LIMIT	MIN: \$400 MAX: \$800	* Letter from Department of Veterans Affairs * Military Discharge Form (DD214) * Evidence of ownership, domicile and occupancy. Life Estate satisfies ownership. If property is in TRUST, you must be a Trustee & have a beneficial interest. <u>RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT:</u> A) MA domicile for at least 6 months before entering service, or, B) Lived in MA for at least 2 years prior to filing for exemption. AND Must live in home as of July 1 , 2021.
Clause 22A	** Loss or loss of use of one hand above the wrist, or one foot above the ankle, or one eye. ** Congressional Medal of Honor ** Distinguished Service Cross ** Navy Cross or Air Force Cross of Honor ** POW			MIN: \$750 MAX: \$1,500	Same as 22
Clause 22B	** Loss of use of both hands or both feet ** Loss of one hand and one foot ** Loss of use of both eyes (blind)			MIN: \$1250 MAX: \$2,500	
Clause 22C	100% disabled AND has specially adapted housing			MIN: \$1500 MAX: \$3,000	

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Clause 22D	Surviving spouses (who have never remarried) of active duty military personnel (including National Guardsmen on active duty) or veterans who (1) died as a proximate result of injuries sustained or diseases during active duty, or (2) went missing in action and are presumed to have died.	NO INCOME LIMIT	NO ASSET LIMIT	FULL	Domiciled in MA for 2 <u>consecutive</u> years before application date -OR- Deceased spouse domiciled in MA for 6 <u>consecutive</u> months before entering the service.
Clause 22E	Veterans with 100% disability in the line of duty.			MIN: \$1000 MAX: \$2,000	Same as 22 (and VA certificate required in the 1st year applying)
Clause 22F	Paraplegic veterans & veterans with 100% disability for service-connected blindness, or a spouse or surviving spouse.			FULL	
Clause 56	Deployed Guardsmen & Reservists deployed overseas			Up to 100% of property taxes	* Lived in MA for at least 2 years prior to filing for exemption. * Provide a letter from Commanding Officer stating anticipated duration of deployment.

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